

April 3, 2008

Weare Cable Minutes WTV 6

Present: Brad Macauley, Craig Slattum Secretary, Will Ottery Chairman, Walter Bohlin, Stephen Flanders, Paul Hague, Alternate Ray Eaton
Guest: Brian Gratton

Meeting called to order at 6:05 by Will Ottery

Brad Macauley made a motion to accept the Meeting minutes of March 6, 2008 as written, 2nd by Walter Bohlin. All voted in favor, except Craig Slattum who abstained.

Will Ottery made a motion to recommend to the BOS that Brad Macauley and Stephen Flanders be reappointed to a three year term. 2nd by Paul Hague, motion passed unanimously.

Brian Gratton presented a plan that would allow the new Middle School to be able to broadcast events. The plan would cost about \$25,000 in equipment and installation costs. It would also allow for a camera in the Middle School Library as a back up broadcast location. He was asking if the town would pay for 50% of the cost out of the Cable Reserve Fund. Discussion was held on some line item costs as well as funding of the getting the Middle School on line. It was recommended that Brian Gratton get new estimates from three companies to be presented to the BOS. Walter Bohlin said that the Franchise Fees are paid by all subscribers and should be used to pay for this type of project. It was the general consensus of the WTV Committee to pay 100% of this project out of the Weare Cable Reserve Fund. The Fund is anticipated to grow to about \$40,000 at the end of this year.

Will Ottery said there is no set number of Cable Committee Members but would like to see it remain as it is now with 7 full Time members and 4 alternates. It was agreed to leave it like it is now.

Will Ottery conducted a poll on Election Day to determine what people would like to see on WTV 6.

26% watch BOS and other meetings 45% don't

46% watch the Bulletin Board for information

About 13% would like to see Dept Head interviews, Highway, Police, Fire, Tax Collector, as well as Planning Board etc.

20% don't watch at all

Most would like to see a show similar to "Weare Abouts" or on the history of different parts of Weare. People would also like to see the Bulletin Board on the Weare Web Site.

Will Ottery said he will look into the cost of a mailer to all houses.

Will Ottery said two cameras have been lent to Concord Hospital to be used as props.

Will Ottery said a state inspection stated that there were not enough outlets in the Cable Room. Paul Hague stated they were not extension cords that the inspector saw but cable. Ray Eaton said the BOS has hired a NH Licensed Fire Protection Engineer to give a recommendation on the Town Office Building.

Paul Hague said more people need to volunteer to set up and run the Bicycle Programs. He also said a training session is needed as he has some issues following the instruction manual and people need training to spread out the work load.

Walter Bohlin asked if the minutes of a WTV Cable meeting held downstairs in what is now the Land Use Office in which there was a discussion held on vendors were available. The time frame was 2004-2005. Will Ottery will research this.

Election of Officers will be held next meeting.

Will Ottery stated that Comcast has been very cooperative with getting WTV 6 back on the air after the all the wind and snow storms.

Brad Macauley made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 PM, 2nd by Walter Bohlin the vote was unanimous.

Craig Slattum, Secretary